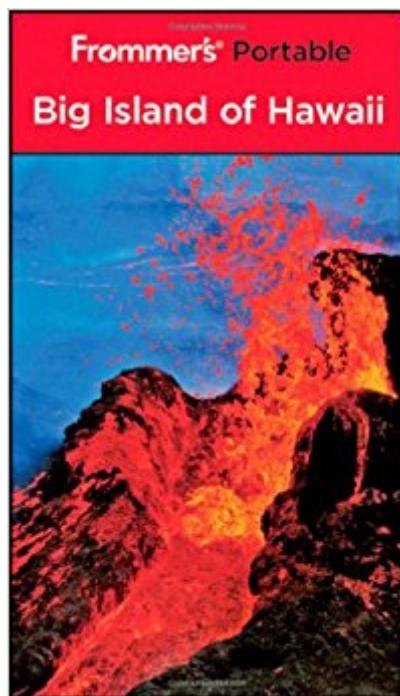


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I bought this not having seen it and not knowing what "portable" meant. I was expecting a full sized guide and was disappointed in that. One of the ways they make it portable is to use a miniature type size to cram as much information in as possible. With less than perfect vision, but still 20-20, I find it easiest to read under a strong light with a magnifying glass. Not particularly well edited - found a couple of cross references to the same section I was reading. Nearly 20% of the book was devoted to places to stay, but I never did see mention of the large number of condos and small homes available through rental agencies and online. Most of the emphasis is on expensive hotels. Another 15% is about where to eat. This section looks pretty good, although there was probably an over-emphasis on restaurants in the Kona region. The activities sections were quite good. I will carry the book with me when we make our trip, but I thought the format was not very good for planning. I recommend "Hawaii: The Big Island Revealed" as a much more useful book for planning a vacation.

This is a cheap reference if you just need a quick look at the Big Island. However, as the item is described as portable, it should have mentioned that it meant brief. Limited amount of info, especially for a Frommer's guide. A bit of a disappointment.

From time to time I give Frommer's another try, but once again they come up short. Books by Wizard Publications are far superior for Hawaii. Much of the material is far out of date and many items known mostly to locals are not covered. It strikes me as a "I phoned it in" kind of book rather than someone who was actually there. We go to the Big Island almost every year and buy the Wizard's book each time. Despite our familiarity, they seem to surface something new. I would only buy the Frommer's book if you're the "let's hang out in the city or resort" kind of person. If you want to see the less frequented parts of the island, it's useless.

This guide is excellent. The descriptions are accurate, practical, and useful. My husband and I read the review and drove to The Little Juice Shack wanting some healthy juice and it no longer existed :(BUT there was a Natural Food Store in the same shopping center (Parker Ranch Shopping Center) on the end near the post office. They had excellent juice at their juice bar and even more excellent home-made macaroons (available at the juice bar, but are sporadic). So it was worth the stop and we got our juice after all. Thanks for helping us with our trip, Frommer's!

I found the Frommers guide very helpful when on the Big Island. He is a bit opinionated, because a

few places I found that Frommers didn't like, I liked. But overall, this pocket book was much more helpful in the exploring the Big Island for the first time. It is a must if it is your first time to go. Make sure to take time to read it, and not just on the airplane over. You may want to find a more detailed map once you get to the Big Island to navigate around, as Frommers did not have very detailed maps.

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I have purchased other items about the Big Island and they don't hold a candle to this book.

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